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Group Art Unit 2617
Examiner Olumide Ajibade Akonai
Attorney's Docket No. E-1672 (BA4-215)
Customer No. 021567
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Wireless Communications Readers, Wireless Communications Systems, And
Articles Of Manufacture

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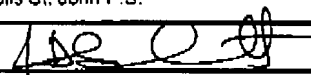
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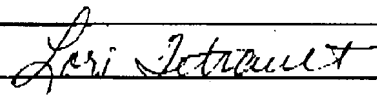
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For FY 2008☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	
Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
210	105
370	185

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
n/a - 20 or HP =	4	25	100

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2007, Applicants amend and
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AMENDMENTS